

Summary of PTA Council of Howard County meeting held 9/5/17

- 1) Call to Order; Establish Quorum; Pledge of Allegiance by new PTACHC President Vicky Cutroneo
- 2) Reading of **PTA's mission: "To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children"**.
- 3) Approval of the Meeting Minutes from June and the current Treasurer's Report were motioned and seconded.
- 4) Q&A: fundraising, privacy, event planning, risk management/safety: What can and can't a PTA do?

What can and can't a PTA do? (1 hour discussion)

This was an informative agenda item where David Clark and his staff answered questions from the audience. Topics of use to elementary schools included who is the responsible/liable party is determined by who hosts the function and the timing; background checks vetting of vendors, limitations on utilizing school staff for extracurricular functions, decision making guides (e.g. 2017 Knights Insurance and Prevention guide) and the fiduciary duty of officers in non-profit organizations.

- 5) Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) Update: A call to action was requested for all to attend and wear yellow or write testimony for the APFO Public Hearing on Monday, September 11th. The ordinance addresses the overcrowding by placing restriction on over development/construction and provides a long-term solution to the periodic redistricting that occurs in the county.

*PTA President Jen Beaverson also attended the PTACHC meeting

Side Note: Highlights from the Maryland PTA Convention, Sheraton Columbia Town Center, Columbia, MD – HES had 3 representatives VP Membership, VP Communications and PTACHC Delegate

- Sept 10-16, 2017 – Reflections Launch
- November is Healthy Lifestyle month
- February 12-16, 2018 – Take Your Family to School week (the National PTA will give grants you can access at www.pta.org/awards)
- March is National Reading Month & the National Legislative Convention where parents can meet their representatives on Capitol Hill
- The National PTA Convention will take place June 21-24, 2018 in New Orleans, LA
- Visit www.pta.org/programs to access school of excellence for engaging families